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Application No.: 10/577,420)	
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The following is listed on the accompanying PTO/SB/08 and is in a non-English language:

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 56-14740 - An English-language translation of the document is enclosed.

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